

HIS MAJESTIES FINALL

# REMONSTRANCE

AND

Ultimate *Answers* and *Concessions*

TO

The Papers and Replies of the Parliaments

Commissioners, concerning *Ireland* and *Episcopacy*.

WITH

His Gracious Declaration to his *2.* Houses of Parliament, to be communicated to the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the City of *London*. And His Majesties Propositions touching the Demands of the Army, remonstrating his Resolution, to cast himself wholly upon his Lord and Saviour *Jesus Christ*, for the supporting and defending of his Royall Person, from the rage and fury of all his Enemies.

Published by his Majesties special Authority, Signed Charles R.



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*Novemb. 18. 1648. at Newport.*

**CHARLES R.**

**I**N Answer to your Paper of the 17. Instant, wherein  
by you have acquainted his Majestie with the Votes  
and Resolutions of both Houses of the 19. Nov. Instant,  
and thereupon declared his full assent to the severall parts  
of the Proposition mentioned in that Votes according

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to your former desires contained in your paper of the 25. of Septemb. concerning the Church,

His Maj. saith. That he hath well weighed and examined his Concessions to that Proposition, and given forme to find, That notwithstanding all his constant and dayours to give his 2. Houses satisfaction manifested in 4. Answers already given in to you upon that subject; by which he hath consented to whatsoever he daie with a good Conscience grant. Yet his Answers are still returned back unsatisfactorie. But his Maj. (upon perusal of your former papers) finds, That the main dissatisfaction of his two Houses rests in the matter concerning the Abolition of Bishops, sale of their Lands, and his Majesties intention to use a form of Divine Service in his Chappells. As to these particulars, His Maj. doth again clearely profess, That he cannot with a good Conscience consent to the total Abolition of the Function and power of Bishops, nor to the intire and also, Inte Alienation of their Lands, as is desired, because he is yet perswaded in his judgment, that the former is of Apostolicall Institution, and that to take away the latter is Sacrilege. Neither can his Majesty communicate in a publike form of Divine Service, and Administration of the Sacraments, where it is whollie uncertain what the Minister will offer to God. And therefore he cannot recede from his former Answer in any of these particulars. And if his 2. Houses shall seriously consider how that his Majesty by his former Answer hath totallie suspended Episcopall Government for 3. years; and after the said time limited the same in the power of Ordination and jurisdiction: And that the primitive Office of a Bishop onlie, is by Him endeavored to be preserved; And that

that the Bishops Lands are heavilie charged with Leases  
for 99. years, And that the Deans, and Chapters and other  
their Dependants taken away. His Maj. is confident, his  
two Houses cannot think it reasonable in a matter of  
abstinance, to suffer this violence to the Conscience of  
their Sovereign. Nor to suffer these differences which  
rest in himselfe with a compasse to hinder the settlement of  
blessed Peace in his Kingdom. And if his 2. Houses  
shall not think fit to moderate the Exigencies of their  
demands in these particulars, His Maj. can with more  
comfort cast himselfe upon his Soveraigns goodness, so sup-  
port him, and defend him from all accusations, how great  
soever, that may befall him, then for any politic con-  
sideration which may seeme to be a means to restore him  
atprive himselfe of the inward Tranquillitie of a quiet  
mind. Wherefore, as to these particulars before men-  
tioned as touching the Articles of Religion, &c. what  
else remains in difference upon this Droppe, his Ma-  
jesty adheres to his former Answer. And hopes that  
his Majestie upon a review and further consideration of  
his reasons, will therewith rest fullie satisfied.

*Charles I.* hath answered the said Paper of the 17.  
of June 1642. in Answer to you as to your Paper of the 17.  
of June 1642. concerning Ireland, His Maj. hath upon the  
conclusion of his Treaty with peace, his Majestie will  
command the Marquis of Ormonde to take from him  
Peace or proceedings. And in case he shall refuse, his  
Majestie will make such publicke Declaration against the  
power and proceedings, as is now desired.

*The Propositions*

We are leave to beleive, that an accomodation with the King, in the way and termes you are upon, or any at all, as the case now stands, shall imply his restitution, or shall not provide for his subjection to triall and judgment, Would first not be just before God, or man, but many wayes evill. Secondly, would not be safe.

The Covenant engaging to the matters of Religion, and publick interests primarily and absolutely (without any limitation) and after that to the preservation of the Kings Person & Authority; but with this restriction, viz, In the preservation of true Religion, and Liberties of the Kingdoms. In this case, though a Cavalier might make it a question, yet who will not rationally resolve it: That the preceding matters of Religion and the publick Interest, are to be understood as the principall and supreme matters engaged for, and then of the Kings person and Authority, as inferiour or subordinate to the other. That where persons joyning to make a mutuall Covenant, if the absent party shall oppose it, and the matters contained in it, surely that person excludes himself from any claim to any benefit therefrom; while he continues for refusing and opposing. Having thus said word to Remonstrate, we proceed to offer up to all our

And we conceive and hope, that you may find abundant cause to forbear any further proceeding in this will and most dangerous Treaty; and to return again to your former grounds in the Votes of Non-addresses, and thereupon proceed to the sealing and securing of the King.



Kingdom, without and against the King upon such foundations as hereafter are intended. We shall most desire that you may make sure to avoid that main violence and mischief attending it, viz. The Kings restitution with impunity. We propound,

1. That you would reject those demands of the King, sent to you on his and his party's behalf, and that the Person of the King may, and shall be proceeded against in a way of justice for the blood spilt.

2. That for other Delinquents you would lay aside that particular bargaining proposition, that all Delinquents be proceeded against according to justice, or with mercie, as cause shall appear, and that none shall be exempted or protected therefrom, nor punishable by any other power, then that of the Kingdom in Parli. by which they shall be judged.

*May it please your Majesty,*

**H**aving perused your Majesty's Paper of the 13. instant, given us as an Answer to ours of the 17. which contained the Votes and Resolutions of both Houses upon some of your Majesties Answers to our desires, expressed in a paper of the 25. Septemb. concerning the Church. We humbly lay, that for the abolition of Episcopacy we take leave of your Majesty, intending to remove; but that Episcopacy which was formerly established by Law in this Kingdome, grown up to a height of outward pomp and greatness, & sound by

by dependence being given to the Subject, whereas  
 on the Parliament it is for the Honour of your Maj.  
 and profit of the Subject to take away all else this Bill  
 for that purpose, not meddling with the Apostolical Bi-  
 shop, nor determining what that Bishop is, whom the A-  
 postles mention in Scripture, but only to put him down  
 by a Law, who was set up by a Law, and is now in mol-  
 2. For the sale of Bishops lands which your Maj. ap-  
 prehends to be Sacrilege, we humbly offer that Bisho-  
 pricks being dissolved, their land (as of all Corpora-  
 tions) naturally by the Law of our Land revert to the  
 Crown, which is their founder and Patron, and hold it  
 no Sacrilege to dispose of Bishops lands to themselves, &  
 others use by Act of Parli. which was an ordinary prac-  
 tice in your Majesties Predecessors times and Queens of  
 this Nation.

Then for the Lands which your Maj. alledge to be  
 so heavily charged with Leases of 99 years. We hum-  
 bly say, there is a rent which you are pleased to reserve  
 to him, and the reversion after those years elapsed, so as  
 the Proprietor, and who may take down as he lists,  
 and will be apprehended to be but a door, left open for  
 the same great estate and Pomp, with the consequences  
 thereof to be admitted upon the first opportunity, when  
 being it will be impossible to the Proprietor to take  
 and the disorders which those years will occasion.

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